

## **CTNEXT Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee**

Minutes – Special Meeting  
Tuesday, July 25, 2017

A special meeting of the CTNext Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) was held on July 25, 2017 at CT Innovations, 865 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

### **1. Welcome and Brief Introduction:**

Ms. Thames opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Committee Members Participating: James Boyle; Elena Cahill; Rebecca DelValle; Chris Hamer; Farenc Fazekes; Makeala Kingsley; Radenka Maric; Vince Murphy; Michael Nicastro.

Absent: Dana Cerone; Jeffrey Godley

Staff Attending: Jessica Dodge, Leslie Larson, Glendowlyn Thames

Other Guests: Jen Widness and Rita Zangari

### **2. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Nicastro made a motion and Chris Hamer seconded and the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of adopting the minutes from the June 27, 2017 meeting as presented.

### **3. Ethics Update for Advisory Committee:**

Ms. Thames stated that Scott Murphy followed up with the State Ethics Office regarding the concerns over the revolving door provision and conflicts of interest Ms. Thames stated the best way to handle the issue concerning the state ethics requirement for the Advisory Committee would be through a legislative fix given that the Committee is truly “Advisory” in nature and has no fiduciary responsibility. She stated the discussion continues and her goal is to have a firm solution by the next Advisory Committee meeting.

### **4. Committee Co-Chair Nominations:**

Ms. Kingsley nominated Mr. Boyle and Mr. Boyle nominated Ms. Maric to serve as co-chairs. Ms. Cahill made a motion in favor of appointing Mr. Boyle and Dr. Maric as co-chairs of the Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee, Mr. Nicastro seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the appointments.

Ms. Thames handed over the meeting to Mr. Boyle.

Mr. Boyle asked each member to give a synopsis of their ideas for advancing the mission. A discussion ensued amongst the Committee for improved communication, a vibrant message, a webinar for outreach and awareness, talent retention, common definitions and understanding of terminology, and inclusion of all populations. The point was raised that goals should be tangible, have a beneficial impact on the economy and include a positive ROI.

**5. RFP Discussion:**

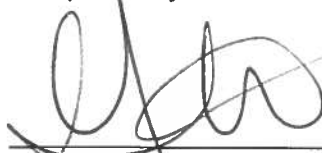
Ms. Dodge took the Advisory Committee through the first draft of the RFP. She stated the goal would be to get the first Request for Proposal applications online by September 2017. Recommendations were given and the RFP and the scoresheet were adjusted.

**6. Proposed meeting dates:**

Ms. Thames shared future meeting dates for the Advisory Committee meetings and they were as follows: Tuesday, November 14, 2017; Wednesday, February 21, 2018; Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

**8. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Glendowyn Thames  
Executive Director of CTNext